

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0480

Title: State participation in pacific northwest economic region

Primary Sponsor: Dale Berry

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date

Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	0	0
Revenue:		
General Fund	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003:

1. The state of Montana is eligible to become a member of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER).
2. Annual membership dues of \$15,000 would be waived by PNWER for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.
3. Legislative members of PNWER are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

4. Officials of PNWER have indicated funding is available to provide scholarships to Montana delegates to participate in PNWER activities. A limited amount, probably less than \$3,000, of legislative leadership travel funds appropriated in HB 1 may also be used to pay for legislator compensation and expenses. Participation costs, beyond the amount that can be paid from existing leadership funds or from PNWER scholarships, may be paid by individual legislative delegates.
5. Montana's participation in PNWER during fiscal years 2001 and 2002 is viewed as a trial participation. Before Montana's participation in PNWER is continued beyond 2002, the value and benefit to Montana as a member will be reviewed.

ASSUMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS AFTER 2003:

1. Montana will participate as a member of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region.
2. Montana will pay all or part of its PNWER membership dues, estimated at \$15,000 annually.
3. Montana will appoint its PNWER delegates and committee members as contemplated in the bill.